UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
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RONALD AMBROSE,	

Plaintiff,

REPLY DECLARATION OF LEAH A. BYNON

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DETECTIVE VITO BUONSANTE, LIEUTENANT SHIELDS, DETECTIVE JOSE ROSARIO, DETECTIVE DAN DANAHER and JOHN and JANE DOES..

02-CV-10200 (KMK)

Defendants.

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**LEAH A. BYNON**, an attorney duly admitted to practice in the State of New York and in this Court, declares under penalty of perjury and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the following is true and correct.

- 1. I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, attorney for defendants City of New York, Detective Vito Buonsante, Detective Dan Danahar, Jose Rosario, and John Shields. As such, I am familiar with the facts stated below and submit this reply declaration to place the relevant information and documents on the record in support of defendants' partial motion to dismiss all purported Monell Claims pursuant to Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
  - 2. In support of their motion, defendants submit the exhibits described below:
- a. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Complaint Follow-Up and handwritten notes of Detective Buonsante dated January 24, 2001.
- b. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "B" is a copy of the Complaint Follow-Up Informational dated January 16, 2001, numbered 622-623.

c. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "C" is a copy of the a copy of the Complaint Follow-Up Informational dated January 23, 2001, numbers 624.

d. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "D" is a copy of the Grand Jury testimony of Detective Vito Buonsante, <u>People v. Damon Williams</u>, dated January 25, 2001, pg. 45 line 18 through pg. 46 line 7.

Dated: New York, New York January 7, 2004

> MICHAEL A. CARDOZO Corporation Counsel of the City of New York Attorney for Defendants City of New York, Buonsante, Danahar, Shields and Rosario 100 Church St. New York, New York 10007 (212) 788-1029

By:

LEAH A. BYNON (LB0321) Assistant Corporation Counsel

# EXHIBIT A

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6. On 01-16-01 at about 1430 Hrs. the undersigned did contact The undersigned did verify the information provided with known as did state that he had informed her of his knowledge of Damon Williams being involved in a homicide back in New York and that Damon took revenge because his brother Ramone so stated that she has seen Damon in the past. Last contact with Damon was on 01-13-01. Damon had contacted her in regards to her husbands well being. After speaking with the undersigned does feel that the called the called the undersigned does have enough knowledge of the incident and Damon Williams. This information is also being forwarded to ADA O'Connell assigned to the Homicide Case. The undersigned along with Det. Carter are in the process of traveling to and anticipating the arrest of Damon Williams.

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called as a witness, stated as follows:

H THE FOREPERSON: Do you solemnly swear that the evidence you shall give to the grand jury upon this complaint against Damon Williams shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

THE WITNESS: I do.

BY MS. O'CONNELL:

- Q. In a loud, clear voice could you please state your name, your shield and your command.
- Detective Vito Buonsante, shield 4730, 13th Precinct Detectives Office.
- Detective, back in September, September 22nd of 1999, were you assigned to investigate a shooting incident which had taken place on that date in front of 330 East 26th Street here in Manhattan?
  - Yes, I was.
- As a result of your investigation did you have cause to investigate the whereabouts of an individual named Randy

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- An individual name Duane Thomas?
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- An individual name Ramon Cross? Q.
- Yes.
- And an individual named Ronald Ambrose?
  - \* Yes. A.
- During the course of that Q. investigation over the next few months did you also seek the whereabouts of somebody known as Damon Williams?
  - Yes, I did.
- Was he also known to you as Chris Johnson?
  - Yes, he was.
- Q. On September 22nd of 1999, what was the approximate age of the individual known to you as Damon Williams?
  - Twenty-one. Α.
- Sometime in the past two weeks or so did you speak with an individual name Andrew Rison?
  - Yes, I did.

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- Is that the same Andrew Rison who just left this grand jury room?
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- Q. As a result of conversations that you had with Andrew Rison did you go down to Virginia last week and early this week?
  - A. Yes, I did.
- At the time that you went down to Virginia did you apprehend that individual known to you as Damon Williams?
  - Yes, I did.
- Where did that apprehension take place?
- That apprehension took place in the town of Portsmouth, Virginia.

MS. O'CONNELL: I don't have any further questions for this witness, as I see none from the members -- ope second please.

#### (CONFERS)

- A grand juror wants to know, in substance, what was the conversation that you had with Mr. Rison that ped you to go down to virginia?
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taken place in with regard to the ins -shooting and the incident on that day.

- Q. Was that based upon things that he told you that Damon Williams had told him?
  - Yes, that's correct.
- In addition, did he also tell you where Damon Williams could be located at that moment?
  - A. Yes, he did.

MS. O'CONNELL: Okay, I see another question.

## (CONFERS)

- A grand juror has a question. Did there come a time shortly after the incident in 1999 when a person named Duane Thomas surrendered himself to the 12th Precinct?
  - Yes, he did.
- In connection with his surrender did he lead you to the whereabouts of a certain automobile?
  - Yes, he did.
- Had he hidden the automobile at the home of a friend?
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recovered there. That vehicle was recovered.

- Was that vehicle recovered in Queens? ,
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- Do you recall whether there were license plates on the car or not?
  - No, there were not.
- Q. Do you recall whether there was a registration sticker or inspection sticker on the car at that time?
  - I don't recall.

MS. O'CONNELL: Let me confer with the grand juror for a moment.

(CONFERS)

MS. O'CONNELL: That concludes my questioning for this witness, as I see no other hands, you may step out.

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